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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2230

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS: DR (TREJO, CATHY)

SUBJECT: LOSS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

REF: STATE 268330

1. PLEASE INFORM SENATOR CHILES AND CONGRESSMAN BAFALIS. PERSONAL EFFECTS MRS. CATHY TREJO ARRIVED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JULY 26, 1973. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE DOCK AREA OR TO RETURN THEM TO THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT IN FEBRUARY 1974 THE EFFECTS WERE ABOUT TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION AFTER HAVING REMAINED THE LEGAL LIMIT OF SIX MONTHS WHEN, AT THE REQUEST OF MRS. TREJO, THE EMBASSY OBTAINED PERMISSION TO HAVE THE GOODS RELEASED AND SHIPPED. THE SHIPPER ORIGINALLY RESPONSIBLE WITHDREW HIS SERVICES AND MRS. TREJO EMPLOYED ANOTHER SHIPPER. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1974, THE EMBASSY AGAIN INTERVENED WITH THE CUSTOMS TO HAVE THE EFFECTS RELEASED.

2. ON NOVEMBER 13 THE EMBASSY LEARNED THAT THE PROPERTY HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CUSTOMS BY AN ARMED FORCES TRUCK AND HAD BEEN DIVIDED BETWEEN A LOCAL CHARITY ORGANIZATION AND THE ARMED FORCES. THE SAME DAY A NOTE WAS SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS REQUESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN AN EFFORT TO RECOVER THE PROPERTY. ON DECEMBER 6 A CUSTOMS INSPECTOR VISITED THE EMBASSY AND STATED THAT HE WAS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT. AS SOON AS ANY USEFUL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INFORMED.

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